



Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools

Board Meeting Summary

April 11, 2016

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was at the District Office, on Monday, April 11, 2016.

GOOD NEWS

Community News

- The results from the **Thoughtexchange** process on Student Wellness was released publicly! The District was so pleased to have over 2,000 participants of which 50% were students. Thank you to all participants for sharing your voice on this important conversation.
- **École Marie Poburan** will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary on June 1, 2016! Former staff, students and community members are invited to attend their Open House and public celebrations. Information on events will be available soon on their school website.

School News

- The Bobkats are having an outstanding sports season and share the following highlights:
 - At the Klondike Relays, **Bertha Kennedy** competitors won the overall title in the grade 3 & 4 age group, and finished 2nd overall in the grade 5 & 6 age categories.
 - At the annual Running Room Games (formerly known as the Journal Games), Stephanie Hazlewood (BK running coach) was the first ever female winner of 'Coach of the Year.'
 - At the recent AB Open, Bertha Kennedy wrestlers won two team championships. Both male and female provincial champions titles in the grade 5 & 6 age group.
 - The school has two new banners to hang in their newly refinished gym - both walls and flooring have been refurbished. Our gym is looking great! (Many thanks to Ron Gamache and all our maintenance men for their work/support).
- **MCHS** shared a number of highlights regarding recent events and activities:
 - Students held a performance Coffee House at the Morinville Community Cultural Centre where students sang, played music, performed poetry and shared the spoken word to raise \$1300 for the Hair Massacure. Money raised are for the Northern Alberta Make-a-Wish Foundation and Stollery Childrens' Hospital.
 - The Senior Girls' Basketball Team at **MCHS** placed 5th at the Provincial Championships for 3A schools just before spring break.
 - The twenty-eight students at **MCHS** who travelled to Japan over Spring Break had an outstanding time learning about the culture and the country.
- Trustees are receiving feedback from their respective parishes on significant increases in the number of children who receiving their First Communion.

ACTION ITEMS

- A draft policy that was introduced last month that provides guidance to the Board in honoring Indigenous People in the communities we serve received approval of the second reading. The draft policy will be brought to the Board again for a third reading at the end of the month, and then provided to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) for review prior to final approval.
- **Superintendent Keohane** presented an updated format for the BELRA awards that would maximize staff availability and participation which was approved by the Board. The Award recognizes schools for their achievements as measured by the provincial Accountability Pillar Reports annually.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Secretary-treasurer Schlag** provided an update on the process for allocating funds to schools. This is a process that is reviewed by the Board prior to actual budget information being approved. A note regarding the elimination of Board Directed Fees for the coming school year is reflected in this report. The Board will be reviewing the 2016-2017 School Year budget in the upcoming months.
- The Board also received updates on Leadership and Succession Planning for the District, as well as an update on recent communication initiatives and activities.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The Board will be gathering for their annual planning meetings on April 15/16th to address long term plans for the district.
- Education Week is being celebrated this year from May 2 to 6, 2016. This year's theme is Learning Together.
- The Board will be holding a by-election for the St. Albert Ward on September 19, 2016.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

Monday, April 25, 2016

3:30 p.m. at District Office

6 St. Vital Avenue, St. Albert, AB

The next Advocacy Meeting

Of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for

Monday, May 9, 2016

7:30 p.m. at District Office

PUBLIC WELCOME